

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application, and all of the pending claims are subject to Election of Species Requirements. Applicants herein elect the following species for initial examination with traverse:

- (i) prion protein degradation indicator : (a) Sup35p;
- (ii) Determination methods : (i) immuno-enzymatic methods;
- (iii) Sterilization processes : (y) sterilization techniques using oxidizing sterilizing agents;
and
- (iv) Chemical exposure reagents : not applicable since (t) is not selected; and
- (v) Container materials: (f') glass.

The Examiner contends that each of claims 1-13 are generic. Applicants submit that the claims read on the elected species as follows:

- (i) All of claims 1-13 read on the elected species that is specifically recited in claim 5;
- (ii) All of claims 1-13 read on the elected species that is specifically recited in claim 8;
- (iii) All of claims 1-13 read on the elected species that is specifically recited in claim 9;
- (iv) Not applicable; and
- (v) All of claims 1-13 read on the elected species that is specifically recited in claim 12.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141, Applicants are entitled to consideration of additional species once one is found patentable.

FEES

No fees are believed to be necessary. However, if any fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing remarks in the file history of the instant Application. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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